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Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225  
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Washington, DC 20005

Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board ("STB")

Re: Discontinuance of service by Toledo, Peoria, & Western Railway Corporation and abandonment by A & R Line, Inc of the railroad line between milepost 5.1W, near Kenneth in Cass County, and milepost 21.0W, near Winamac in Pulaski County (Docket #'s AB-847 [Sub #2X], AB-855 [Sub #1X])

Dear Mr. Gritomer:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated July 10, 2003, and received on July 15, 2003, for the above indicated project from Kenneth to Winamac, through Jefferson, Boone, Van Buren, Harrison, and Monroe townships, Cass and Pulaski counties, Indiana.

In the future, please provide a letter or copy of a letter indicating the STB's authorization of Toledo, Peoria, & Western Railway Corporation to initiate consultation with the Indiana SHPO. This information is needed to ensure that the STB, as the Federal agency responsible for the Section 106 review process, is aware that consultation has begun.

In regard to buildings and structures, we have identified the following properties within the probable area of potential effects, and we believe that they may meet the criteria of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places:

The six span, open deck, plate girder bridge at milepost 19.10W over the Tippecanoe River.

The PCC&St.L freight house in Winamac on Logan Street.

We have also identified the following property within the probable area of potential effects, and we believe that it meets the criteria of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register due to its historical and architectural significance:

The Methodist Episcopal Church at 210 South Chicago Street (Site #017-371-16012 per the *Cass County Interim Report*) is a good example of late Victorian Gothic Revival.

Furthermore, the following properties listed in the National Register within the probable area of potential effects:

The Vurpillat's Opera House in Winamac was listed in the National Register on March 20, 2002.

The Dr. George W. Thompson House at 407 North Market Street at the Market Street / Main Street intersection in Winamac was listed in the National Register on September 27, 1984.

Pulaski County has not been surveyed; therefore, additional information is needed to facilitate the identification and analysis of historic properties in the project area:

- 1) Do depots exist within the Railroad line's right of way in Winamac, Star City, or Thornhope? If so, provide ownership information, historical documentation and recent, clear photographs or good quality computer-generated images (not photocopies).

- 2) Provide recent, clear photographs or good quality computer-generated images (not photocopies), of the PCC&St.L freight house in Winamac on Logan Street.
- 3) Provide digital images of the six span, open deck, plate girder bridge at milepost 19.10W over the Tippecanoe River.

In regard to archaeological concerns, we have not identified any archaeological resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places within the probable area of potential effects.

*A copy of the revised 36 C.F.R. Part 800 that went into effect on January 11, 2001, may be found on the Internet at [www.achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov) for your reference. If you have questions about our comments, please call our office at (317) 232-1646. Questions about archaeological issues should be directed to Jim Mohow. Questions about historic buildings or structures pertaining to this project should be directed to Shana Kelso.*

Very truly yours,



for: Jon C. Smith  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc: Elaine K. Kaiser, Surface Transportation Board